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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert Cutler  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: International Diplomatic Communications  
(Proposed Legislation to Permit Reciprocal  
Radio Agreements)

1. Your memorandum of 1 October 1957, subject: International Diplomatic Communications (Proposed Legislation to Permit Reciprocal Radio Agreements), requested advice as to the approximate date (later in the calendar year) on which you may expect to receive from the addressees a joint report on this matter.

2. I am unable to give an estimate as to when the desired report can be made. I have been informed that the Department of Defense has concurred in a proposed reply by the Department of State to General Cutler which supports the proposed legislation on reciprocity. Nevertheless, discussions between my representatives and representatives of the Chairman, IIC have convinced me that agreement cannot be reached among all the affected agencies as to the balance of advantages and disadvantages from the viewpoint of intelligence which would result if the proposed legislation were approved. I think that such a determination can be made only by some such group as the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, which is not affected by the proposed legislation. I recommend such action.

Allen W. Dulles  
Director